Telecast/Broadcast of Hymns of Vedas

3721. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to take any concrete steps to broadcast and telecast the verses of Vedas, recitation of Vedic hymns and Vedic discourses on a regular basis; and

(b) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) The broadcast/telecast of verses from Vedas, recitation of Vedic hymns and Vedic discourses is done occasionally by the electronic media in so far as they are related to the ancient culture and heritage of India.

Doordarshan Centres in Rajasthan

3722. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT:

SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA:

Will the MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Doordarshan telecast centres and relay centres functioning in Rajasthan with their capacity and the locations at present;

(b) the population benefited thereby;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up a new powerful telecast centre in the near future:

(d) if so, the details thereof and the extent of population likely to be covered thereby:

(e) whether the Government have received any proposal/request to set up a powerful Doordarshan transmitter in the border areas; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) The requisite information is given in the attached statement.

(b) TV service is at present available to about 52.1% population of Rajasthan. This includes the population living in the areas falling in the fringe of the service range of the transmitters where elevated antennae and boosters are required for obtaining satisfactory reception.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) requests have been received from time to time for expansion of TV service in the State in general and in the border areas in particular. Schemes for the establishment of high power (10 KW) TV transmitters with 300 M high towers, one each at Barmer and Jaisalmer in the border districts of the State and another high power (10 KW) TV transmitter with 150 M high tower at Bundi are already under implementation for providing extensive coverage in the respective areas. Besides, it is also envisaged to set up three additional low power TV transmitters in the State, one each at Gangapur, Sujangarh and Sridungargarh.

STATEMENT

Particulars of TV Programme Production Centre & TV Relay Centres operating in Rajasthan

(a) Programme Production Centre (TV Studio)—Jaipur.

(b) TV transmitters

(i) High power (10 KW) transmitter—Jaipur

(ii) Low power (100 W) TV transmitters

1. Ajmer
2. Alwar